



# Summerfields PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Plans for September 2021

We are so delighted that we will be able to operate without Bubbles and restrictions and we are all especially looking forward to being able to have events where the school can be together. Schools have had to make so many changes over the last 18 months and, on reflection, some of which have brought positive improvements which we are planning to retain; albeit with some further improvements and greater flexibilities.

There is of course the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups and so we want to make sure that our day to day procedures from September will enable this to happen with minimal disruption. We know that we can operate in Year group bubbles and have timetabling in place for lunches should we need to / be required to 'revert back', although we are really hoping that this will not be necessary.

We will be continuing with the staggered starts although we will keep this under review.

These are: Year R 8.35am, Years 1 and 2 8.45am, Years 3 and 4 8.40am and Years 5 and 6 8.35am

Remember if you have children in different year groups, they should all come in at the earliest time.

In order to make the collection arrangements safer at the end of the day I would like to ask Year 1 and 2 parents to walk around to the lower playground to enable them to collect from the teacher. Once Reception children are all in full time they will also be collected from the back of the school. All parents of Key Stage 2 children are now welcome to wait inside the iron gates on the concrete area so that collecting children at the end of the day is safer within the boundaries of school and not overflowing into the road.

Things we are looking forward to being able to do again...

Assemblies and whole school events

We are so looking forward to having the school together again, especially for our singing and celebration assemblies! It will also be great to hold a Harvest Festival nearer the end of this half term.

Staff working together

As well as the children being in bubbles, staff teams have had to be too and being able to work together again will have a positive impact on us all; teaching is a collaborative vocation and being able to share good practice, ideas and approaches in person will help us continue to drive and shape improvement at our school.

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### Parent helpers and visitors

We have really missed being able to invite parents in to help in school. If you are willing to become a volunteer or resume being one please inform the school office.

Our school office will be open from 8.30am for visitors if needed, although we are happy to continue to receive emails too. As messages at the office are often about children and are sometimes confidential we would ask that no more than two parents wait in reception at a time.....unless it's pouring with rain of course! Please continue to call us if needed or contact the school via email. We may also explore a 'hybrid' of arrangements for Parents Meetings as some calls might be the most effective and easy way for parents to attend.

We are continuing to maintain good ventilation and regular handwashing etc before lunch/break as this will help keep all infections, bugs, colds etc at bay and is just good practice anyway.

### Other useful reminders

Please remember we are a NUT FREE zone. Please ensure your child does not come to school with any product that contains nuts, including chocolate spread, peanut butter sandwiches, cereal bars, etc. Healthy snacks only please (fruit, cheese, etc) at playtime and water in classroom drink bottles. For children in Key Stage 2 dinner money should be paid via [www.eduspot.co.uk](http://www.eduspot.co.uk). Please note school dinners must be paid for in advance and not arrears. For details of how to use the system, please speak to the office. The cost of a school dinner is £2.15. However if you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office for the relevant form.

PE Days are as follows: Monday – Year 6 and Year 2, Tuesday - Year 4, Wednesday Year 1 and Year 2, Thursday – Year 5 and Year R, Friday Year 1 and Year 3. On other days children will often complete a short run, maybe even a mile depending on their speed!

The children look very smart in their uniform; to help us help you, please remember to name all items.

Yours sincerely



Head Teacher